GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
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RAILWAY PROJECTS FUNDED BY FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects being funded by Foreign Financial Institutions alongwith their estimated cost ;

(b) the funds received by the Government for each project,;

(c) whether the Railway has utilised the said amount;

(d) if not, whether the Government have paid any commitment charges to those foreign institutions; and

(e) if so, the total amount paid by the Government in this regard,?

Answer

MINISTER OF OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED T O IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) T O (e) O F STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 BY SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.09.2007 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS FUNDED BY FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) to (c): The details of Railway projects for which foreign assistance is being received, their estimated cost, external aid received and utilized are as below:

(i) Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP), which has both road and rail components, is being partly funded by World Bank. A loan of US Dollar 463 million has been extended by International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and a credit of Special Drawing Right (SDR) 62.5 million has been extended by International Development Association (IDA). Out of this, the IBRD loan and IDA credit earmarked for the rail component are US Dollar 304.5 million and SDR 42.13 million respectively. This translates into a loan of Rs 1613.10 cr. for the rail component including both IBRD loan and IDA credit. The estimated total cost of the rail component is Rs.3125 crore. The loan agreement was signed in August 2002. An amount of US Dollar 58.033 million (Rs 261.17 cr) and Special Drawing Right (SDR) 29.489 million (Rs 193.40 cr) has been utilized from the IBRD loan and IDA credit respectively for the Rail portion upto 30th June 2007.

(ii) Project of Modernisation of Signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur is being partly funded by Kreditanstalt fur Wiederafbau (KfW), Germany. The estimated cost of the project is DM.212.3 million (Euro 108.5 million). The loan amount is DM 185 million (Euro 94.5 million) and loan agreement was signed in August 1997. An amount of Euro 11.382 million has been utilized upto 30th June 2007.

(iii) The Asian Development Bank has extended a loan to finance the Railway Sector Improvement Project with the objective of enhancing capacity of the rail network and improving operational efficiency/safety. The subprojects to be funded from the loan are principally in the Golden Quadrilateral and its Diagonals and Port Connectivity projects. The projects are being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). The loan amount was US$ 313.6 million. The loan agreement was signed in April 2004. Subsequently in March 2007, an amount of US$ 101.3 million of the loan was cancelled due to problems in the execution of the projects being financed from this loan. The present loan amount is US$ 212.3 million. The estimated cost of the projects being partly financed through the ADB loan is US$ 379 million. An amount of US Dollar 28.915 million has been utilized from the loan upto 30th June 2007.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The Government has paid commitment charges on the ADB, World Bank and KFW loan. The amount of commitment charges paid upto 30.6.2007 is given below:-

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ADB   Rs.13.68 Crores paid by Ministry of Finance
World Bank IBRD Loan Rs.20.80 Crores paid by Ministry of Finance
World Bank IDA Credit Rs. 2.28 Crores paid by Ministry of Finance KFW
   Loan  A total amount of Rs.12.76 crore of which
   Rs. 8.29 Crores paid by Railways  and  rest  by
   Ministry  of   Finance.
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